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REQUEST

FOR

**CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/892,506
Filing Date	June 28, 2001
First Named Inventor	Jin MURAYAMA
Group Art Unit	2612
Examiner Name	Gary VIEAUX
Attorney Docket Number	107317-00032

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to application Examination and Provisions Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 30692 (Aug. 10, 2000), Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14665 (Mar. 26, 2000), 1255 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☒ **Previously submitted**
- i. ☒ **Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on November 25, 2005** (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ **Enclosed**
- i. ☐ Preliminary Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____


2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ **The Director is hereby authorized to charge the fee deficiency or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing, our docket number 107317-00032.**
- i. ☒ **RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (\$790.00)**
- ii. ☒ **Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) (\$450.00 – Two Months)**
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ **Check #439436 in the amount of \$1,240.00.**

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Signature)		Date	January 17, 2006

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